



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Presbyterians Sharing Sunday September 29, 2024

Service colour: Green

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. (also on YouTube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Book of Praise 830)

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

We are called together

To worship God as the people of God.

God calls us by name and knows what rests in our minds
and our hearts, and calls us:

To worship God as the people of God.

We come yearning to be transformed and redirected to paths of justice
and in ways of love so that in truth we can turn to God:

To worship God as the people of God.

God invites us to worship as beloved and loving people and together:

To worship God as the people of God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 436 "God, we praise you for the morning"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

We confess that we have failed to comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others, and not sought peace or worked for justice. And we confess the sins of your church in running residential schools that separated children from their families. We confess that in our cultural arrogance where there was laughter, we stifled it; where families lived warmly together, we broke them up, and where there was dignity, and we stole it. We repent of our past sins and pray for the strength to walk a new good way with you and one another. Give us the eyes of our Redeemer, who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Declaration of forgiveness

A sharing of the Peace of Christ followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 476 "Amigo de Cristo" (all seated)

Learning for all ages: {children gather at Chancel stairs}

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10 (p.413), 9:20-22 (p.413); Psalm 124;

James 5: 13-20 (p.204) ; Mark 9: 38-50 (p.39)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: **Thanks be to God. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Sermon based on James 5: 13-20

Hymn: "Have thine own way"

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still .

2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence, humbly I bow.

3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I
pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute
sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing the Offering of our gifts followed by The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others

Hymn: 490 (vs.1,2, 4 & 5) "God of grace"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Jamie Leck **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Bill Langley

Reader: Lee Walker

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Today: Fellowship/Birthday Cake in Hall after service

Thurs: 1:00 pm Ladies' Guild

Sun: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School and Nursery; Holy Communion

Monday, September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. The Presbyterian Church in Canada ran 12 residential schools. As a result, the PCC bears a collective responsibility to truth and healing.

Hymn 436

1. God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer and promise, joy in work and in play.
2. God, we praise you for creation, mountains, seas and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand.
3. God, we praise you for compassion, all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears and laughter, help your children to grow.
4. God, we praise you for your Spirit, Comforter and daily friend;
restless searcher, gentle teacher, strength and courage you send.
5. God, we praise you for the Saviour, come that we many know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.
6. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,! Christ is Lord of our days!
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Hymn 476

Refrain:

Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord;
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For we've been forgiven, and we've been restored,
Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord.

1. Friends of the covenant renewed each morn;
baptized and loving it, we've been reborn.
Gift of the dove is ours for evermore.
Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord. [Refrain]
2. Born of a family, the young and old,
we'll be on hand to see new life unfold.
We understand the need to be made whole.
Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord. [Refrain]

"Have thine own way, Lord": words printed in bulletin

Hymn 490

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
4. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces, pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee, that we fail not them nor thee!
5. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.